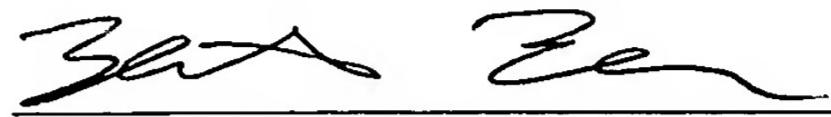




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.